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Pearl Harbor Shipyard Apprentices Inducted Into International Honor Society

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – Twenty-five Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard apprentices were formally admitted into the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society during an induction ceremony April 10. The Shipyarders were eligible to join after achieving grade point averages of 3.5 or above in their undergraduate courses from Honolulu Community College (HCC).

Shipyard apprentices earn an associate of applied science (AAS) degree from HCC as part of their four-year training program.

According to HCC Cooperative Education Coordinator Jeannie Shaw, about half of the 124 members in the Shipyard's apprentice class who came aboard in 2008 met the academic requirements to join the honor society.

The induction ceremony was held at the Shipyard so more apprentices could attend, Shaw said. Shipyard Commander Capt. Gregory Thomas congratulated the apprentices and thanked them for "investing in yourselves, the Shipyard and the Navy."

At HCC's commencement exercises May 15 at the Waikiki Shell, graduates who are members of Phi Theta Kappa can be distinguished by a gold sash across the body, and gold and blue cords on their mortarboards.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. It has an operating budget of \$620 million, of which more than \$390 million is payroll for civilian employees. The Shipyard, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.